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Relaxing vessel "Base Permit" length restrictions,

When Groundfish limited entry was first implemented it made sense to restrict permits being used on vessels to within five feet of the vessel's length that earned the permit, and perhaps in the trawl fishery it still does.

On the fixed gear side of the groundfish fishery we now have essentially an "Individual Quota system". Also we have a permit stacking provision where after the base permit, additional stacked permits can be any size you can find.

While I understand that it might not be wise to totally eliminate the reference to the length of a fixed gear vessel's base permit since we are trying to "maintain the characteristics of the fleet", I feel that it could be relaxed a bit without changing the characteristics of the fleet. After all, you can increase the beam of your vessel to extremes and it doesn't matter at all.

Under the permit "tier" system a vessel has a given number of pounds to catch. Making the vessel longer will not change the amount of sablefish the vessel can catch, but it could make the vessel safer or more efficient in one of the other fisheries the same vessel participates in.

I have a vessel that fishes black cod, albacore and crab. The vessel is 60 ft. long and my black cod permit is 56.5 ft. so it will fit a vessel 61.5 ft. My vessel would be a safer, more efficient crab boat at 65 or 66ft. If I added the length in the middle of the boat, I could carry as many crab as I do now and have an additional empty crossing in the fish hold, providing more bouyancy and increasing the vessel's freeboard, which would make the vessel more seaworthy.

Would adding six feet in the middle of this boat lengthwise really change the character of the fleet more than making this boat six or more feet wider?

Relaxing the base permit requirements to within 10 ft. instead of 5 ft. would allow people more flexibility in making modifications to their boats without changing the amount of blackcod they could catch. It would also make buying and selling permits to fit a given boat somewhat easier.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

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Bandon Submarine Cable Council has 100
fishing vessel members from Oregon,
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Fish ID:

Front panel: Top, Petrale Sole

Middle, Starry Flounder

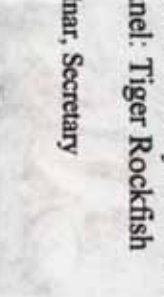
Bottom, Widow Rockfish

Left panel: Yelloweye Rockfish

Middle panel: Canary Rockfish

Right panel: Tiger Rockfish

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Field Trip Follow-up Activities

Teachers often plan pre/post activities around field trips to make sure students get as much as possible out of the trip. Some teachers try to make the experience relevant to current classroom studies. Most of the time these activities cross curriculums joining science with writing, art with science or even manners and science.

Before a field trip, such as with Marine Discovery Tours, there may be discussions about what to expect when visiting a science based boat excursion which perhaps would include acceptable behavior.

After a field trip a class may watch a movie related to the trip or the teacher may read a story to keep the interest going with the class. Many of you use the thank you note as a follow-up activity and the folks at Bandon Submarine Cable Council and our partners at AT&T really enjoy reading those notes. It lets us know that we are doing a good thing.



Let them eat fish!

To enhance the follow-up activities to your Marine Discovery Tour scholarship field trip, we are conducting a contest for those classes that have received our sholarships. The best entry will receive enough fresh fish to feed the entire school lunch.

Each student or class can create a story or essay, photo journal, drawings or paintings, video skits or video journal, or any other media/format that depicts your Marine Discovery Tour Adventure. The entries from your school will be judged by your school staff to select the best entry to represent your school. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER SCHOOL IS ALLOWED.** The best entry from all schools participating will win the free lunch. The final winner will be selected by Bandon Submarine Cable Council.

Master chef, XXX, from Oregon Trawl Commission will assist the winning school plan their lunch menu and facilitate the delivery and preparation of the meal.



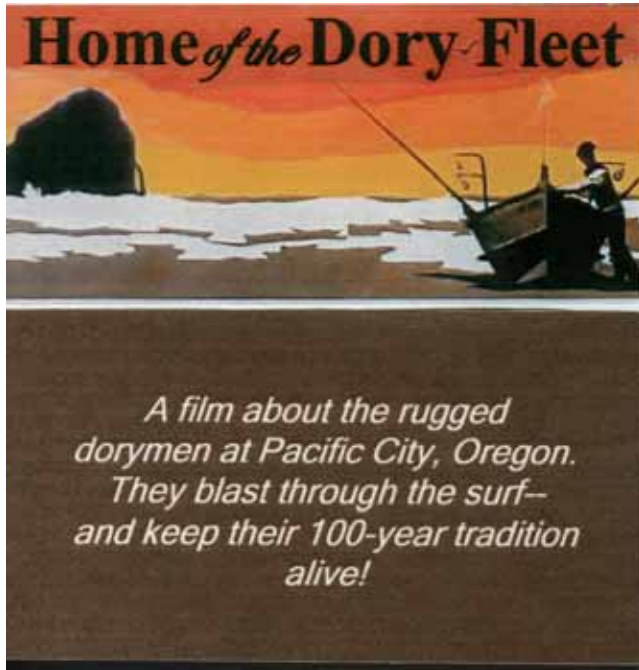
Dates & Deadlines

Entries must be postmarked by December 1. The winner will be announced the second week of January. The lunch date will occur the second or third week of February or when it best fits into the school schedule

Only schools that participated as a scholarship recipient during the calendar year are eligible. Only schools willing to judge student or class projects to select the best to represent their schools are eligible.

Submission of an entry to the contest implies consent is given to promote the event through news, radio and/or television media. Focus will be on the entry, school and the program.





Mr. Ray Monroe, salmon troller, Pacific City, Oregon provided the Council members with a DVD entitled "Home of the Dory Fleet, A Film About the Rugged Dorymen at Pacific City, Oregon".

Copies of this DVD may be purchased on location at:

Pacific City Sporting Goods
Pacific City, Oregon

Or by contacting:

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